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TWO HANFORD CONTRACTORS ATTAIN VOLUNTARY PROTECTION PROGRAM STAR STATUS

Richland, Wash., February 22, 2001 - Two subcontractors to Fluor Hanford, Inc. performing work at the Hanford Nuclear Site - DynCorp Tri-Cities Services, Inc. (Dyncorp) and Day & Zimmermann Protection Technology Hanford (PTH) - have each been awarded an industrial safety standard attained only by a select group of businesses nationwide. The award, entitled "STAR Status", is given by the Department of Energy as part of its "Voluntary Protection Program". The VPP was established by the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration as a standard of excellence in occupational health and safety. The cornerstone of the program is equal participation between management, labor, and government in the creation of a safe workplace. In 1997, OSHA opened enrollment in VPP to federal agencies. The DOE, in cooperation with OSHA, has the responsibility for administering the VPP at its sites.

DynCorp employs approximately 700 people at Hanford, and is responsible for oversight of the 560 square mile-site's infrastructure. Its parent company is located in Reston, VA. DynCorp President, Bob Frix, noting that the majority of his workforce at Hanford is made up of union craft workers, gave credit to the employees for their dedication, saying, "without the full participation of our employees, this would have not been possible." Frix went on to thank the DOE's Richland Operations Office and Fluor Hanford for their encouragement and support.

PTH oversees and operates all security measures at the Hanford site, including the protection of special nuclear materials. PTH has over 300 employees at Hanford. Its parent company, Day & Zimmermann, is based in Philadelphia. PTH General Manager Al Bowser noted that while achieving VPP STAR Status is a huge accomplishment, it is not the end. "The journey continues," he said. "A lot of hard work remains to keep our workforce injury free everyday."

DynCorp and PTH are the first Hanford contractors to ever attain STAR Status. The award they received places them in a mentoring role - not just for the Hanford site, but for other businesses as well.

As VPP STAR Status businesses, both DynCorp and PTH will be afforded the ability to "self-police" because they have demonstrated that each has a superior safety program in place at their respective workplaces. Although allowed the luxury of self-policing, both companies are still subject to Fluor Hanford and DOE oversight.

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